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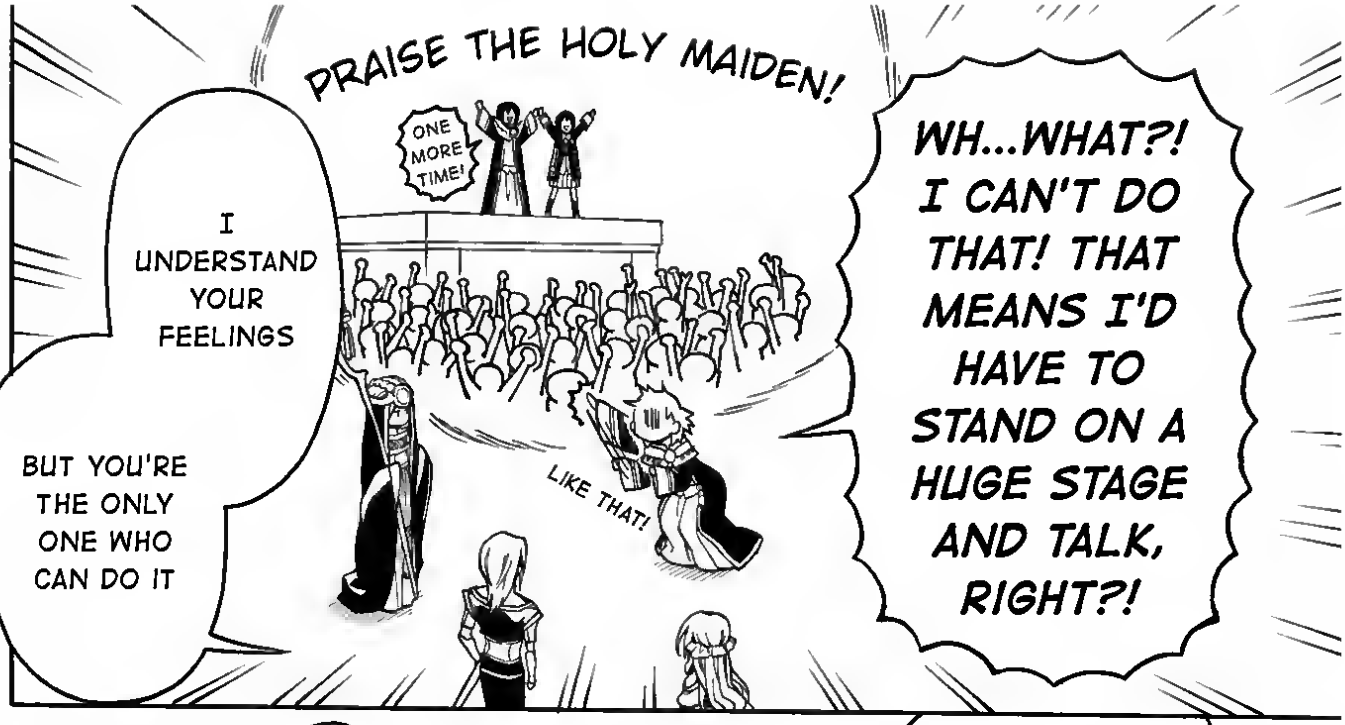
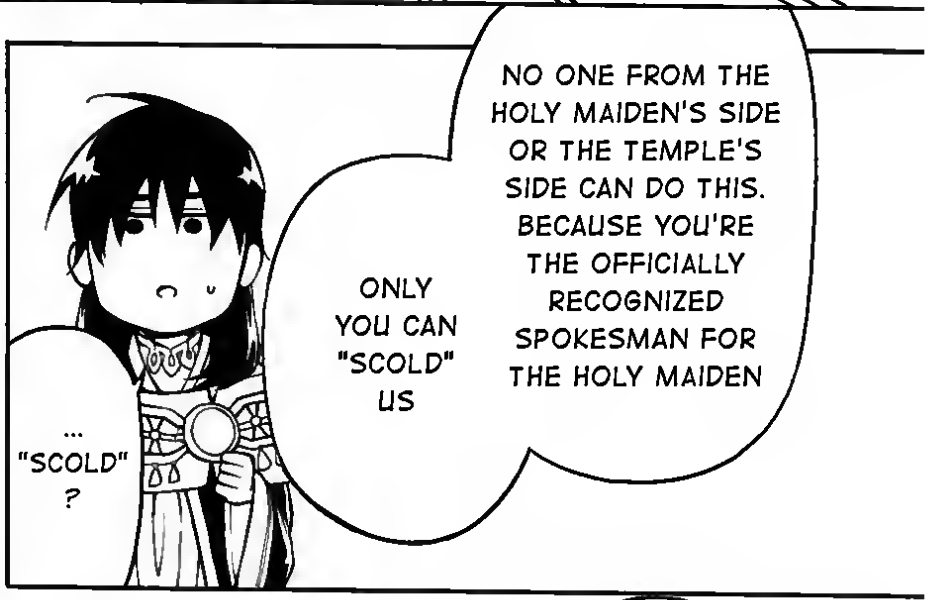
FINAL CHAPTER

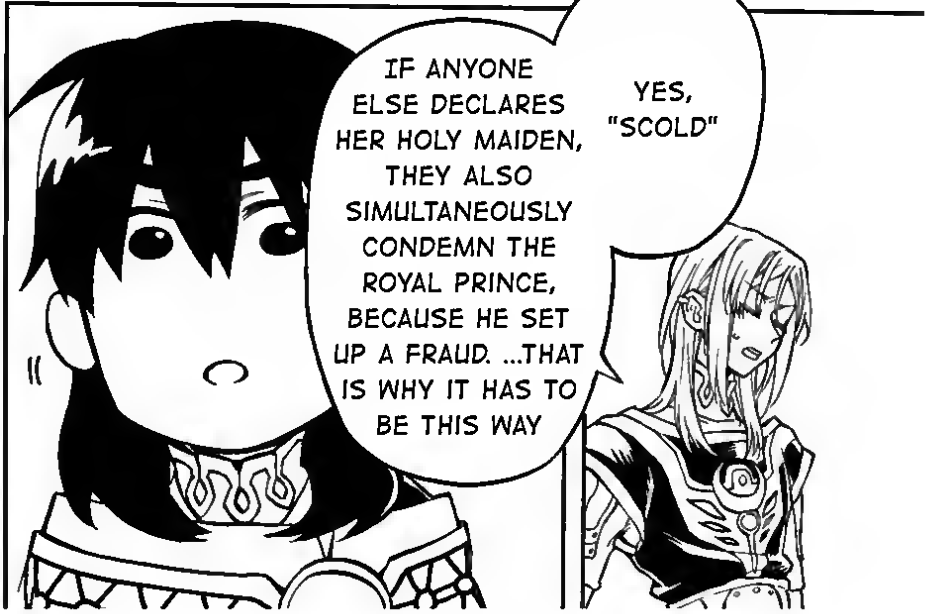
HUH?!
WAIT, BUT WE JUST CONCLUDED THAT I WOULD BE USELESS...
WELL IF YOU CAN'T MATERIALIZE, THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE HARUKA MATERIALIZE IT FOR YOU
SATOKI, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO? DO YOU WANT TO COME TO THE BATTLEFIELD?
UGH
THAT'S RIGHT
IF THAT'S THE SITUATION, THEN THAT IS DEFINITELY AN OPTION WE CAN'T IGNORE
I THOUGHT IT WAS UNFAIR TO FORCE YOU TO COME, SINCE YOU CAN'T PROTECT YOURSELF IN YOUR CURRENT STATUS
BUT NOW THE RISK IS MUCH HIGHER THAN BEFORE
AS IT STANDS, OBDIMA'S AIM IS STILL TO WAGE WAR ON YOU, SO THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT SOMETHING LIKE BEFORE WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN
CAN MAKE A WEAPON FROM ANOTHER'S IDEA
THE SITUATION
*INFINITE USES LEFT
*NOT GOOD AT DESIGN
THIS IS
PERFECT!
*FEW USES LEFT
*DESIGNS FREELY
YOU'RE RIGHT!
DID-N'T THINK OF THAT!

I DID IT AGAIN... ALWAYS TOO QUICK WITH THE PESSIMISM
BUT THAT'S WHAT HE MEANT, HUH...
HE SAID, "THAT'S RIGHT"
AND WHAT I PROPOSE DIFFERS FROM WHAT YOU WERE IMPLYING, KUSHA-DONO
IT IS FINE TO BELIEVE IN HARUKA'S DESTINY, BUT THERE IS NO NEED TO SHOW DISRESPECT TOWARDS SATOKI, IS THERE?
...IF YOU HAVE ALL DECIDED TO USE THAT GIRL, THEN THAT IS ALSO AN ACT OF FATE
FOR GOOD-NESS' SAKE...
HEY, YOU'RE A GOOD GUY!
PAT
AH! ALSO
THIS IS GOOD TIMING: I HAD SOMETHING ELSE I WANTED TO ASK YOU. AFTER HEARING THIS BIT, YOU MAY WISH TO RETHINK YOUR DECISION TO LEND US A HAND
HMM?
OH, WH-WHAT'S UP?
HE LOOKS REALLY RELUCTANT..?
...IT'S ABOUT YOUR ROLE IN WELCOMING HARUKA IN AGAIN AS THE "RIGHTEOUS HOLY MAIDEN"
I WANT YOU TO DO THE WELCOMING SPEECH
SINCE YOU ARE CONVENIENTLY KNOWN AS THE MESSENGER OF GOD, YOU WILL CONVEY THE WORD OF GOD TO THE SOLDIERS


PRAISE THE HOLY MAIDEN!
ONE MORE TIME!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS
BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN DO IT
LIKE THAT!
WH...WHAT?! I CAN'T DO THAT! THAT MEANS I'D HAVE TO STAND ON A HUGE STAGE AND TALK, RIGHT?!

IN OTHER WORDS
WE HAVE TO DO IT THIS WAY IN ORDER TO SAVE NETIKA-SAMA... RIGHT?


... "SCOLD" ?
ONLY YOU CAN "SCOLD" US
NO ONE FROM THE HOLY MAIDEN'S SIDE OR THE TEMPLE'S SIDE CAN DO THIS. BECAUSE YOU'RE THE OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOLY MAIDEN


IF ANYONE ELSE DECLARES HER HOLY MAIDEN, THEY ALSO SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDEMN THE ROYAL PRINCE, BECAUSE HE SET UP A FRAUD. ...THAT IS WHY IT HAS TO BE THIS WAY
YES, "SCOLD"

TWITCH
HUH?
THE ROYAL FAMILY THREATENED YOU, DIDN'T THEY?
YOU WOULD PROBABLY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO DO SOMETHING LIKE SAVING THEM JUST BECAUSE WE ASKED YOU TO
I KNOW THIS IS A SELFISH REQUEST ...
BUT IT'S THE DESIRE OF MANY ...
WHAT A BAD EXPRESSION
HE TRIED TO FOOL THE WHOLE COUNTRY, SO IT'S A BIG SIN...
AH, I SEE: HE'S ROYALTY, HE'S ONLY A CHILD, AND HE HAS A LOT OF FAMILY ISSUES, SO THEY DON'T WANT TO BLAME HIM
WELL, I DON'T ACTUALLY HATE HIM, SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, BUT...
UM...
...SORRY!
AND YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN ASK TO DO THIS...
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!!!
YOU'RE NOT A SERVANT, YOU KNOW!
IT'S EASY TO FORGIVE A LITTLE BOY (BIAS)
UH, NO, IT'S FI-
MASTER, YOU...
IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DOESN'T WANT IT

YOU'RE ACTUALLY A PRETTY NORMAL GUY, AREN'T YOU?
Are you calling me a foolish commoner?
BLACK HEARTED
HEAD STRONG
NO, NO
I WAS JUST THINKING THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU ALWAYS GET FRUSTRATED WITH ME, YOU STILL WATCH OUT FOR MY FEELINGS ON THINGS
I WAS JUST AMAZED!
REGARDLESS OF YOUR PERSONALITY AND ACTIONS, YOUR RIGHTS REMAIN UNCHANGED
BECAUSE YOU AREN'T THE HOLY MAIDEN AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO THE COUNTRY'S RULE, YOU ARE ALLOWED TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHOICES
SO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IT, YOU SHOULD ASSERT YOURSELF
...BECAUSE I'M NOT A "SUBJECT"
I SEE
THAT'S RIGHT. IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE PRINCE'S VIOLENT COERCION, YOU WOULD HAVE REMAINED UNFETTERED TO THE COUNTRY.
BUT YOU HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE. TO CHOOSE YOUR ALLIES, AND TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE A MOVE.
AND THAT IS
A VERY FORTUNATE RIGHT TO HAVE

SO WHEN YOU CHOOSE, MAKE SURE TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU TRULY WANT!
THAT'S REALLY AN OPTIMISTIC WAY OF SEEING THINGS, ISN'T IT?
IT'S A REALLY SOLID WAY OF THINKING!
I CAME HERE BY ACCIDENT, SO I HAD NO ROLE OR PURPOSE, AND I WAS BASICALLY LEFT OUT.
BUT THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO LIVE FREELY AND HAPPILY
IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF I WERE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO TOOK RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY ACTIONS
BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF COURAGE, SO I WAIT FOR OTHERS TO GIVE ME A REASON TO ACT INSTEAD OF ACTING ON MY OWN, AND JUST "GO WITH THE FLOW"
SO TO BE HONEST, WANTING TO REFUSE, OR WANTING TO MAKE MY OWN DECISIONS IN GENERAL, BOTH WERE...
EVEN NOW, I NEVER REALLY
WAS...

OH!
BUT WAIT!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT,
I MADE A DECISION ON THE FIRST DAY I CAME HERE!
I DECIDED THAT I WAS GOING TO "TURN TENDOU-SAN INTO THE HOLY MAIDEN"
AND SO
I WILL DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN
NOW THEN, ABOUT OUR PLAN... THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF KNIGHTS IN THE TOWN
OW!
KICK
I SEE
I AM INDEBTED TO YOU, SATOKI

I WONDER IF MY ANSWER WAS REALLY OKAY...
HUH?
I REMEMBERED THAT I MADE THAT CHOICE BECAUSE I WANTED TO PUSH EVERYTHING ONTO SOMEONE ELSE...
BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE WAS SAYING THE SAME THING ANYWAY
AH, WELL... RIGHT AFTER I SAID THAT...
YOU'RE PULLING AN AWFUL FACE RIGHT NOW
HEY... ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
...BUT, I HAVE A "ROLE"
EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT THE "MAIN CHARACTER"
AND SINCE I'M NOT THE "MAIN CHARACTER," I DON'T HAVE TO BE COOL
THAT'S WHY I'LL DO IT
AND IT'S BETTER THAN NOT DOING ANYTHING AT ALL
AND I DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS
SLAP!
AUGH, I KNEW IT!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO TRY TO ACT LIKE A MAIN CHARACTER, GETTING ALL MATURE AND MAKING COOL DECISIONS ALL OF A SUDDEN!
"WANTING TO DO IT" AND "DOING IT" ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS!

MAY I WEAR MY MASK THE WHOLE TIME DURING THE PLAN?!
...HOW CAN YOU BE SO CONSISTENT AND AT PEACE WITH YOUR OWN WEAKNESS AND INCOMPETENCE?
IT'S ALMOST ADMIRABLE...
WITH THIS I WILL BE ABLE TO BEAR IT!
BUT THERE'S TOO MUCH PRESSURE IF I FLAT OUT SAY I CAN DO IT, SO I'LL JUST STICK WITH SAYING THAT "I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN!"
AND AS FOR THE METHOD, I'LL COMPROMISE AND FOLLOW YOUR PLAN FOR THE MOST PART, SO
MASTER!!!
YOUR MASK?
AND ALSO, PROBABLY ...
I'M TOTALLY OKAY WITH THIS!
THE SETTING IS A BIG STAGE
AND IT'LL BE A HUGE PLOT TWIST
ROAR
WHAT A CLIMAX...
THIS IS THE END

...QUITE THE SPECTACLE, ISN'T IT?
TRULY FITTING FOR THE BATTLE WHERE WE UNVEIL THE "TRUE HOLY MAIDEN!"
AND YOUR NEW GARMENTS SUIT YOU WELL!
WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE THIS DAY A CELEBRATORY HOLIDAY!
THE DAY HAS COME WHERE MY BROTHER WILL FINALLY ACCEPT THE NEW MAIDEN

AH... NOW WE WILL FINALLY SEE THE OFFICIAL BIRTH OF A HOLY MAIDEN DEDICATED TO MY BROTHER
A PLAY WHERE THE COUNTRY IS SAVED BY MY BROTHER NOW BEGINS!
NOW, HURRY, BEGIN-
WOW, HE'S GONE CRAZY
DFEG
YO!
SO YOU CAME! I KNEW YOU WOULD!
ACTUALLY, I THINK THEY'VE GOTTEN EVEN BIGGER SINCE THAT TIME I WAS RIDING THEM, RIGHT?!
I'M TIRED OF WAITING...
TODAY, LET'S GO ALLL

GLANCE
SO IT SEEMS THE DAMAGE TO THE COUNTRY-SIDE CAN BE MINIMIZED
HE JUST CAME WILLY-NILLY ALL THE WAY TO THE TEMPLE
REALLY, THEY'VE ALL GONE CRAZY
OUT!
AHH, YES, HOW VIGOROUS
THAT "LETTER OF CHALLENGE" I SENT IN SATOKI'S NAME WORKED WELL!
HE HE
AHEM
...HE SAID IT'D HAPPEN JUST BEFORE EVERYTHING STARTS, BUT THEY WILL COME, RIGHT?
ACCORDING TO YOUR PLAN, WE'RE GOING TO BLUFF BY THROWING THE FIRST PUNCH?
RIGHT
WHOOSH
LIKE THIS
FLAP
FLAP
WE'RE GOING TO BLOW THE WINDS OF BATTLE STRAIGHT TOWARD TENDOU-SAN'S PARTY...
ANYWAY, I WAS THINKING THAT SOME KIND OF HUGE, IMPRESSIVE ENTRANCE WOULD BE GOOD

Flap
Flap
WHA-
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?! IT LOOKS LIKE MY LIZARDS, BUT CAN LIZARDS FLY?!
NO...
ANYWAY, IT'S FREAKIN' COOOL!!!
IT'S AMAZING, I WANNA MAKE ONE!!!
WHOAA
AAA!
AH!
AN UN-INTENDED SOURCE OF EVIL!
MAYBE HE CAN!

FLAP
FLAP
THIS IS REALLY WELL DONE!
SATOKI CAME UP WITH THIS, RIGHT? I WONDER IF CREATURES LIKE THIS EXIST IN HER WORLD
ONLY IN THEIR WILDEST DREAMS, SHE SAID
SO IT'S AMAZING SHE WAS ABLE TO IMAGINE IT
YOU'RE AMAZING TOO, FOR MOLDING IT OUT OF WATER, MIVA!
USUALLY HEROINES ARE SHOWN RIDING ON DIVINE BEASTS WITH FEATHERED WINGS
BUT THIS ONE IS BASED ON MY OWN STYLE
COOL, HUH?
BUT WHAT FORM IS THAT...?
THAT IS MIVA'S-...
DASH
ATSU-UDE!
SEIZE THEM!
...
YOU'VE GOTTA FOLLOW THROUGH ON YOUR WORD. COME ON, CARRY OUT YOUR "ROLE"!
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE ONE AT LEAST ONCE-
HEY
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME?
YOU'RE JUST STALLING

!!?
A MAGIC BARRIER!!!
BOOM
FLINCH
OH!
MIVA ...!
MY "ROLE", HUH?
I GUESS ORIGINALLY IT WAS PROBABLY *THAT*
YEAH, I THINK THAT'S RIGHT
LET'S TRY THIS OUT REAL QUICK...

"YOU JUST NEED TO READ THESE WORDS"
TINKLE
IT SHOULD BE ABOUT TIME
"THE BATTLEFIELD IS WIDE, BUT KUSHA-DONO WILL HELP YOUR VOICE TRAVEL."
CHILDREN OF EGIN! HEED MY CALL, YOU CHILDREN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF GOD!
AS THE MESSENGER OF THE HEAVENS, HEAR MY VOICE!
AND YOU SHALL HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD!

KNOW THAT IF YOU CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS IMPOSTOR OF A HOLY MAIDEN, ALL THAT AWAITS YOU IN THIS CONFLICT IS DESTRUCTION!
ABOUT TO RUSH IN.
HM?
WHAT THE HECK IS SHE DOING?
IN ORDER TO TEST YOU ALL, I HAVE STAYED MY HAND AND OBSERVED FROM AFAR
AND I HAVE SEEN YOU FOOLISHLY MISTAKE YOUR TRUE MOTHER BY SUCCUMBING TO GREED AND FEAR!
DESTRUC-TION MAY YET BE YOUR FATE ...
BUT BECAUSE YOU DOUBTED THE MAIDEN WHO HAS PROTECTED YOU, AND CHASED HER AWAY
IT CAN'T BE... WE CONFIRMED HARUKA'S CAPTURE YESTERDAY!
GRR! ANYWAY, STOP HER! DON'T LET HER SAY ANY MORE!
CLANG
DESTROY BOTH HER AND THE BARRIER!

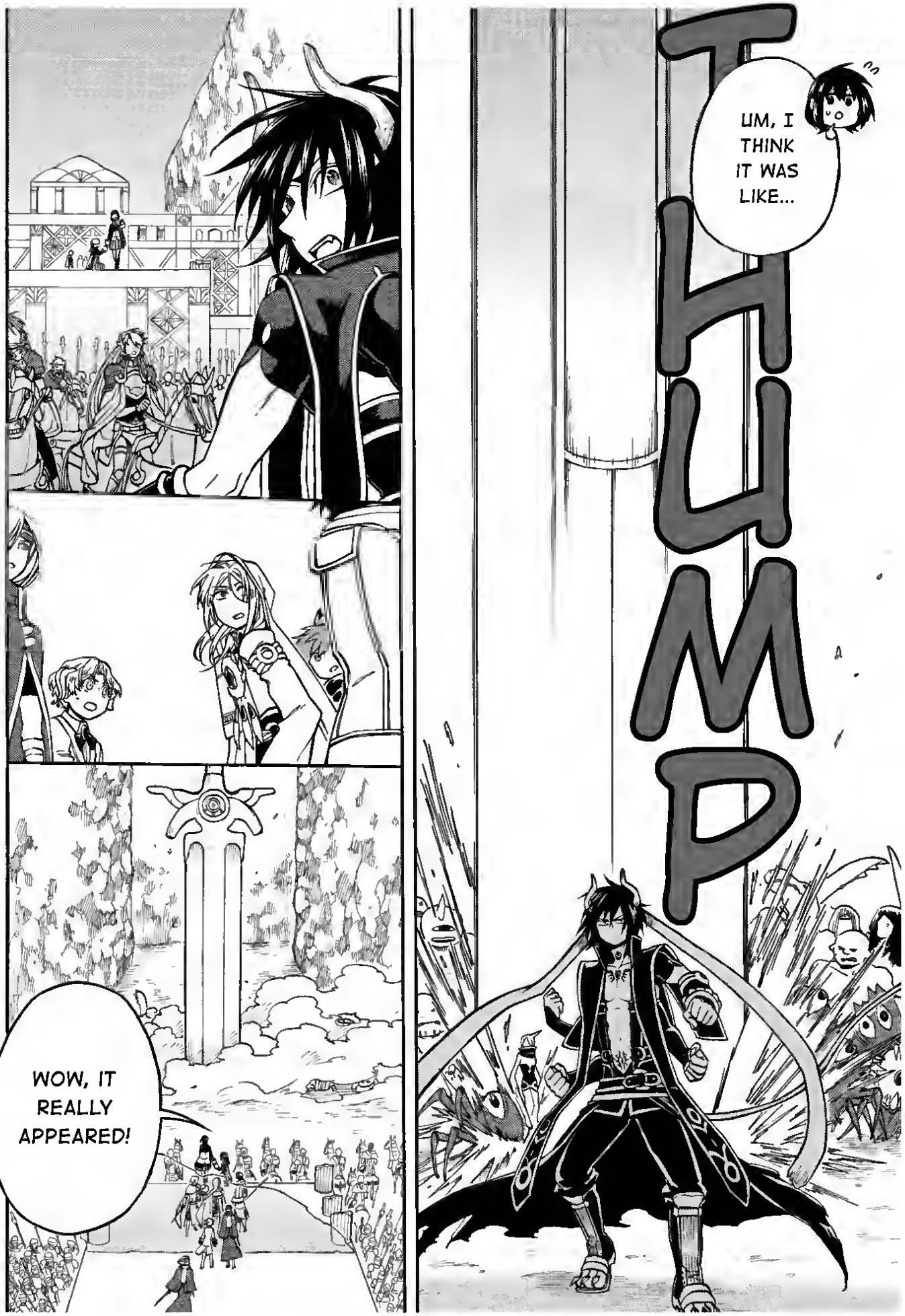
TAP
CLINK
S... SCARY !!!
...BUT WHEN A CHILD ERRS
IT IS THE MOTHER'S DUTY TO SCOLD AND ONCE AGAIN TAKE THEM UNDER HER WING!
STEP.
STEP
STEP
SORRY
BUT I'M NOT SO INCOMPETENT THAT I WOULD ALLOW IT TO BE BROKEN A SECOND TIME
POINT!
NOW WATCH, AS SHE DESCENDS UPON YOU ONCE MORE!
CHILDREN OF EGIN!

WHOOSH
BURN THIS MEMORY INTO YOUR MINDS AS YOU ONCE AGAIN WITNESS YOUR MOTHER'S GREATNESS!!!
AWKWARD!
I NEVER FIGURED OUT WHAT I SHOULD SAY AT OUR REUNION!
AH!
I'M SO SORRY !!!
HUH?!
I'M SORRY FOR SHOUTING AT YOU WHEN I RAN AWAY FROM THE CASTLE!!!
WEL-COME COM-PLETE!
HOUMA-SAN!

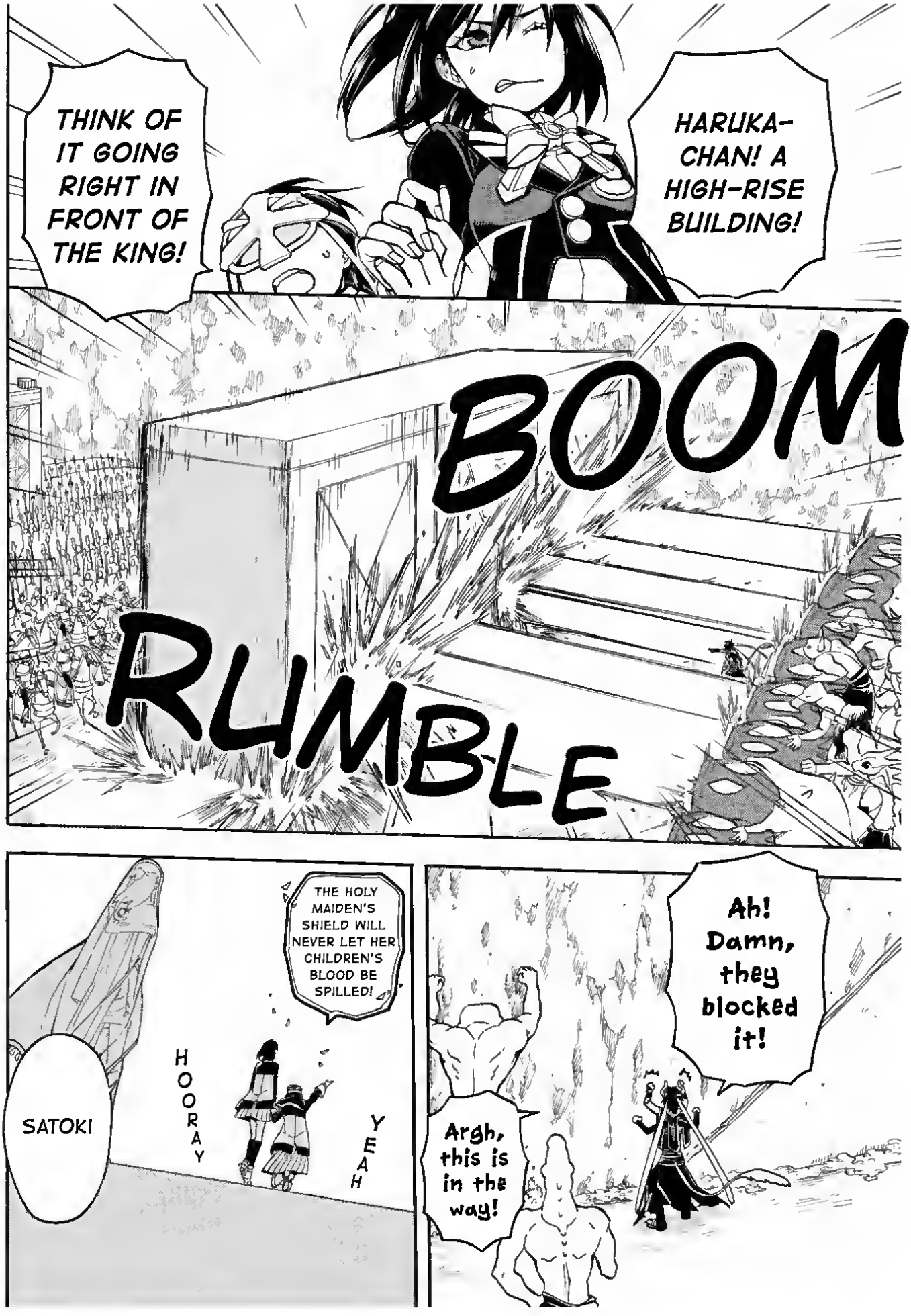
I'M SORRY!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE!
IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT TALKING IT OUT WITH YOU, BUT I GOT ALL ANGRY LIKE THAT...
NO, NOT AT ALL! AFTER THAT, I LEARNED THAT YOU WERE IN A TERRIBLE SITUATION!
YOU HAD NO CHOICE!
EH? AH, NO, THAT WAS MY BAD...
SHE'S SUCH A NICE PERSON...
EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS PROBABLY HAVING MUCH MORE TROUBLE THAN I WAS
EVEN THOUGH I TREATED HER SO POORLY, SHE STILL TREATS ME LIKE A FRIEND
BUT I'M REALLY JUST A...
I'M SORRY THERE WAS THAT, BUT I WAS ALSO USELESS AND PESSIMISTIC THE WHOLE TIME...
EVEN THOUGH I'M THE ONLY ONE FROM THE SAME WORLD AS YOU, I WAS NEVER BY YOUR SIDE, ALWAYS WANDERING AROUND SOMEWHERE
OH? IS THAT HARUKA?
THAT'S NOT TRUE! YOU CHEERED ME UP!
ooh!

AND I JUST REMAINED A CLASS-MATE
I HAD ALWAYS JUST GAZED FROM AFAR AT THE CLASS'S SHINING CENTER
BECAUSE HONESTLY
NO, I JUST STOOD BACK...
LET'S DO OUR BEST TOGETHER
HA-
HARUKA... ...-CHAN
...BUT I'VE ALREADY MADE MY DECISION, SO.
SQUEEZE
ALL RIGHT!
SATOKI-CHAN!

Hey !!!
YEAH... IT WAS JUST A LITTLE TOO BRIGHT FOR ME...
EH?!
AH! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
ALSO THERE'S SOME-THING I WANT TO TRY
DO YOU REMEM-BER THE SKYTREE?*
WE SAW IT ON A FIELD TRIP..
EH? YEAH!
*A TOWER IN TOKYO
SMASH
CRACK
Satoki! Why is Haruka here?! This is supposed to be a showdown between you and me, right?!
OK
BANG!
OH NO
SORRY!
THERE'S NO TIME SO I'M JUST GONNA DO IT!
CRACK
KEEP THAT IMAGE IN YOUR HEAD!


UM, I THINK IT WAS LIKE...
THUMP
WOW, IT REALLY APPEARED!

EH?
NAH, I WAS ONLY THINKING OF A REGULAR SIZED ONE
TH-THAT'S HUGE...
AS EXPECTED OF SATOKI-CHAN!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!
Haruka-sama!
HOW'S THAT?!
THE HOLY MAIDEN'S SWORD WILL SMASH THE ENEMY!
Whoa! Holy Maiden!
THOSE ARE FANG HOWL CANNONS?!
THEY'RE IN A DIFFERENT LEAGUE THAN THE USUAL ONES! OUR MAGIC BARRIER WON'T...
SCREEEE
YOU-
YOU'VE GONE AND DONE IT NOW!!!
RETURN FIRE, FANG HOWL CANNONS!!!


THINK OF IT GOING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE KING!
HARUKA-CHAN! A HIGH-RISE BUILDING!
BOOM
RUMBLE
THE HOLY MAIDEN'S SHIELD WILL NEVER LET HER CHILDREN'S BLOOD BE SPILLED!
SATOKI
HOORAY
YEAH
Ah! Damn, they blocked it!
Argh, this is in the way!

I WAS THINKING MAYBE HARUKA-CHAN'S ABILITY IS NOT *ONLY* TO MATERIALIZE SOMEONE ELSE'S IMAGINATION
IF THAT WERE TRUE, THEN THIS "TWO-MAN TEAMWORK" WOULDN'T BE NEEDED
... WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU'RE NOT IMAGINING THESE?
...I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING
THERE'S NO BIG REASON FOR HER TO COME FROM ANOTHER WORLD EITHER
THE ONLY BENEFIT OF SUCH A PERSON IS THAT THEY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS THAT THIS WORLD DOESN'T HAVE
NOT JUST THE STUPID JUNK THAT I WAS PUTTING OUT
IF YOU CAN'T IMAGINE ANYTHING, THEN YOU CAN JUST MAKE SOMETHING FROM MEMORY THAT SEEMS CLOSE TO WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE
YOU'RE JUST THE MEDIUM FOR THE OTHER PERSON, SO YOU CAN JUST FOCUS ON THE EFFECT OF THE ITEM RATHER THAN THE DESIGN. HOW ABOUT THAT?
I SEE... I THINK I CAN DO THAT!
SO I FIGURED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ADD HARUKA'S IMAGE TO IT, TOO
IT'S JUST HUGE, THOUGH
I NEVER REALIZED... BECAUSE WHEN I MATERIALIZE, ALL I HAVE IN MY HEAD IS WHAT THE OTHER PERSON IS THINKING
SO IT'S A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU...

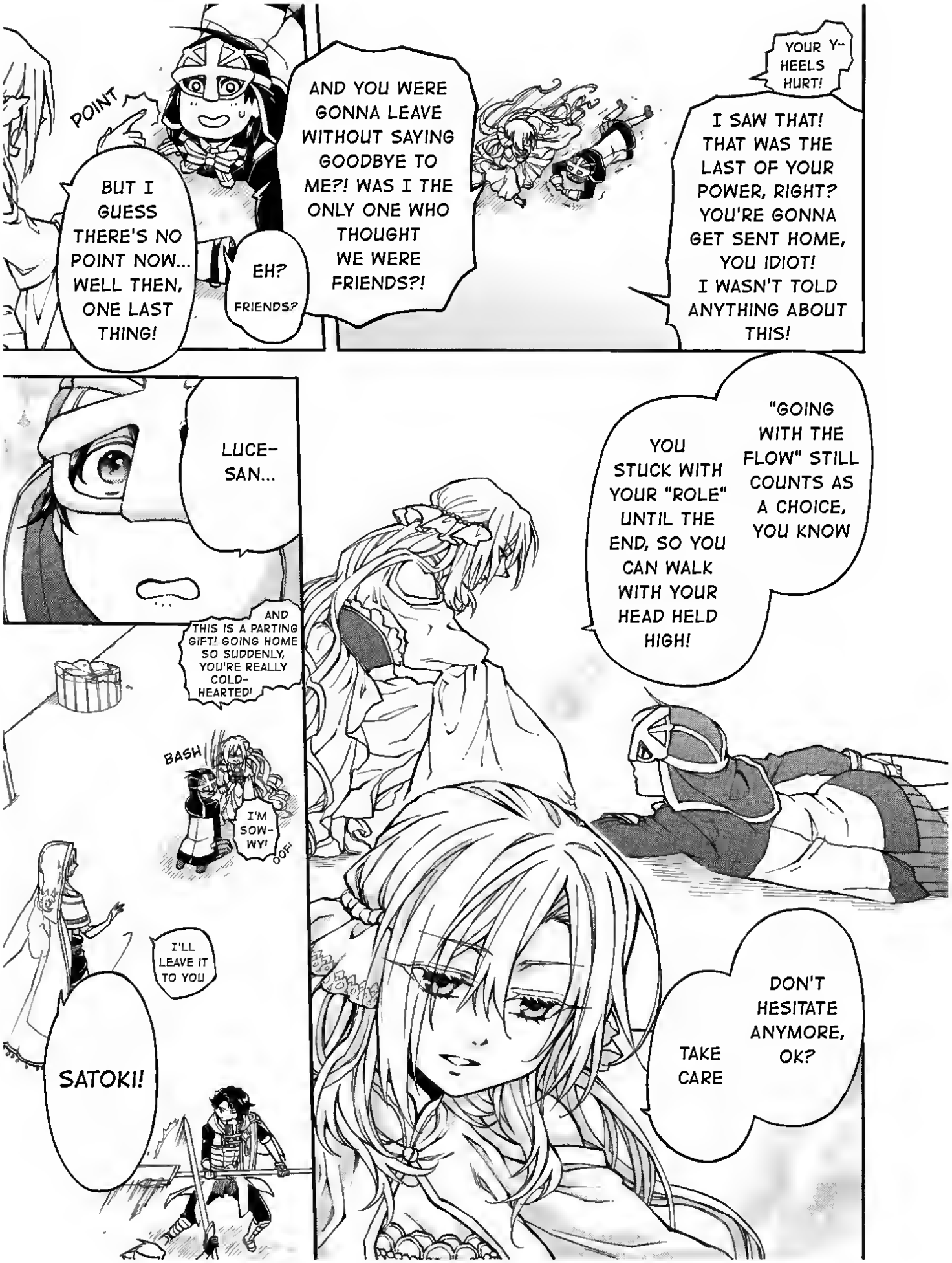
THIS TIME WE'LL JUST GO WITH MY IMAGES READY AND
SO THAT THEY'LL REMAIN IN YOUR MEMORY
LET'S MAKE AS MANY CHEAT CODE WEAPONS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE I GO
BUT THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH...
FWOOSH...
THERE SHOULDN'T BE AN IMBALANCE IN MILITARY POWER ANY MORE, I THINK...
PHEW
WOW!
I WAS CAPABLE OF CONJURING SO MANY...
...HUH? BUT
AND SHE'S NOT EVEN BREAKING A SWEAT! THE HOLY MAIDEN IS SCARILY POWERFUL...
...THERE

TURN!
AH!
YOU SAID YOU'RE "GOING"?
AND THAT'S WHEN IT CAME TO ME: WHEN KUSHA-SAN TALKED ABOUT HOW "THE HOLY MAIDEN SHOULD BE A SPECIAL EXISTENCE."
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW THIS BATTLE WAS FOR THE SAKE OF REINSTATING THE HOLY MAIDEN AND SHOULD CREATE A HUGE IMPRESSION ON THE PEOPLE, I REALIZED THAT I HAD TO DO IT NOW
"WHEN WOULD BE THE BEST TIME FOR ME TO DISAPPEAR?"
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN THINKING...
BUT IN THE END
I WANT TO AT LEAST GIVE YOU THIS
ZAP
DROP
AND IF I MISS THIS CHANCE, I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'M EVER GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO HOME
TO BE HONEST, I THINK I'D JUST GET IN MORE TROUBLE
NO! YOU CAN'T!
THE HOLY MAIDEN CAN'T BECOME A PEERLESS EXISTENCE
IF I JUST REMAIN HERE AFTER THE BATTLE IS OVER, AND A RANDOM "MESSENGER OF GOD" COMES ALONG FOR THE RIDE

FLARE
YOU KNOW, FROM THAT ONE TIME!
WHAT IS THIS...?
GRAB
OW!
WAH!
WHAT'S UP?
YOU MADE THAT WITHOUT USING HARUKA?
JUST NOW
I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER, SO THE INSIDE IS JUST FILLED WITH PAPIER MACHE
SO I DON'T KNOW IF IT CAN REALLY COUNT AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE SWORD OF EGIN
BUT IT CAN BE A GOOD BLUFF SINCE IT'S A SHINY SWORD!
I'D LIKE THIS TO BE A SYMBOL OF OUR RE-CONCILIATION IF POSSIBLE
ANYWAY, BEFORE, I JUST MATERIAL-IZED IT ON MY OWN WITHOUT ASKING
I WANTED TO DO IT AGAIN ALONG WITH YOUR REINSTATE-MENT. TO REDO YOUR "CHOICE" FROM THAT TIME
AH...
AH, YEAH
WITH THE LAST OF MY POWER
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S STILL SOME LAG UNTIL I RETURN EVEN AFTER MAKING SOME-THING, SO IT'S OKAY!
KUSHA-SAN TOLD ME

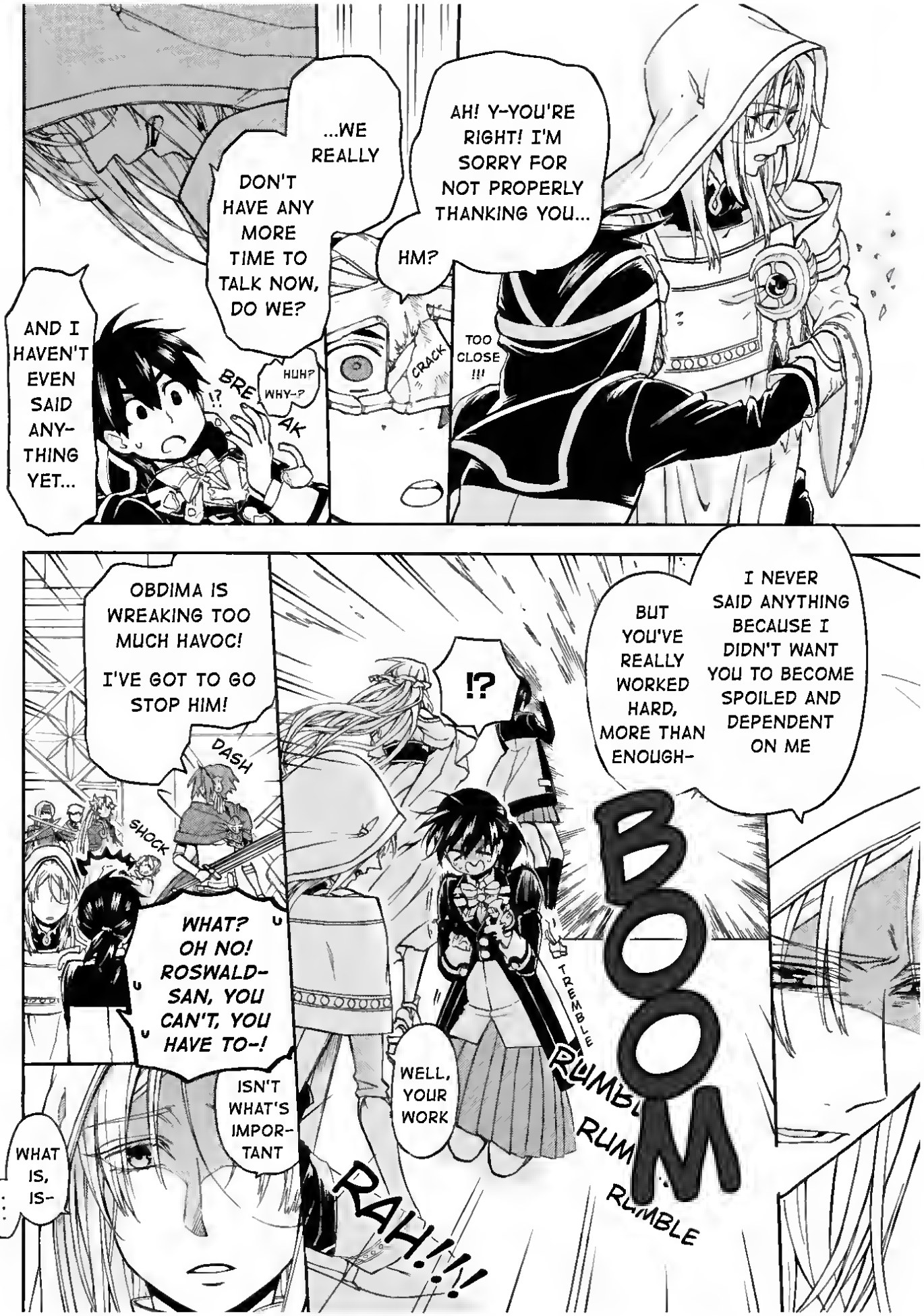
I'M REALLY SORRY THAT I CAUSED SO MUCH TROUBLE BACK THEN
AND I'M ALSO SORRY THAT I'M JUST GOING HOME LIKE THIS TOO
BUT, UM... DO YOUR BEST, OKAY?
JUST NOW, GOD HAS BLESSED THE HOLY MAIDEN WITH THE SWORD OF HEAVEN! WITH THIS, THE KING OF EGIN WILL ONCE AGAIN BE CHOSEN!
YOU WILL ALL BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUE PROTECTOR!
WELL THEN, LET US CONTINUE!
DANG, I'M BLUSHING
NO...
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD SAY SORRY
THANK YOU, SATOKI-CHAN!!!
WHY DID YOU MAKE SUCH A WEIRD DECISION?!
EH?
?
YOU REALLY JUST WANT TO RETURN HOME LIKE THIS?
LIKE THIS, YOU'LL JUST..! AND...
ALRIGHT!
THE REST IS UP TO YOU, MAST-
GRAB
WHY

I WILL NOT ALLOW HER RE-INSTATEMENT, NOR ANY RETRIAL OF THE "CHOICE!"
EEK! NETIKA-SAMA'S GONE OFF THE DEEP END!
I STILL HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO PROPERLY TALK WITH-
CRASH
ROYAL GUARD! CAPTURE THEM ALL!
IMPOSSIBLE...
WOBBLE
I-I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO ACT SO VIOLENTLY!
PANIC
OI, SATOKI!
WHAM
WH...?! YOU!
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS RIGHT...!
ARGH! GEEZ!


POINT
BUT I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT NOW... WELL THEN, ONE LAST THING!
EH? FRIENDS?
AND YOU WERE GONNA LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE TO ME?! WAS I THE ONLY ONE WHO THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS?!
YOUR Y-HEELS HURT!
I SAW THAT! THAT WAS THE LAST OF YOUR POWER, RIGHT? YOU'RE GONNA GET SENT HOME, YOU IDIOT! I WASN'T TOLD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
LUCE-SAN...
...
AND THIS IS A PARTING GIFT! GOING HOME SO SUDDENLY, YOU'RE REALLY COLD-HEARTED!
BASH
I'M SOW-WY!
OOF!
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU
SATOKI!
YOU STUCK WITH YOUR "ROLE" UNTIL THE END, SO YOU CAN WALK WITH YOUR HEAD HELD HIGH!
"GOING WITH THE FLOW" STILL COUNTS AS A CHOICE, YOU KNOW
TAKE CARE
DON'T HESITATE ANYMORE, OK?

GASP
ANYWAY, I HAVE SOME-THING TO TE-
GET DOWN !!!
MAGIC BAR-RIER!
?
SSSSH-
EH?
THAT'S ENOUGH, NETIKA. STOP
?!
BROTHER ...?!
WHAT? THE KING?
WHY IS HE HERE?
MASTER! WHAT ABOUT NETIKA-SAMA...
HUH?
SO THAT'S WHY LUCE-SAN AGREED TO BE OUR ALLY!
OH!
SEEMED LIKE WE'D WIN
AFTER THAT, HE WAS PART OF THE PLAN TO HELP STOP THE PRINCE
HE'S OUR ALLY. HE SECRETLY HELPED US ESCAPE
HA I WAS ABLE TO STOP IT
AH! EH?
A LANCE?
Crack
KA
Kssh
GYAH!
Krrk
BAM

FLOP
HE THREW IT FROM THERE?!
STOP THIS, OBDIMA!
MASTER, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
THE ONE WHO THREW IT
AS MY FINAL ACT, I'LL GO STOP THAT GUY!
WAIT...
GRAB
WAIT!!!
THIS FIGHT IS NOT OVER YET, SATO-KI!!!!
TALK?
PRO-PER-L-
WE CAN'T EVEN TALK
LOOK! IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TO GO HOME AT A TIME LIKE THIS THAT THINGS KEEP HAPPENING AND GETTING IN THE WAY!
YANK
IT'LL BE FINE, JUST LISTEN TO ME!


AH! Y-YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M SORRY FOR NOT PROPERLY THANKING YOU...
HM?
TOO CLOSE !!!
CRACK
...WE REALLY DON'T HAVE ANY MORE TIME TO TALK NOW, DO WE?
HUH? WHY-?
BRE AK !?
AND I HAVEN'T EVEN SAID ANY-THING YET...
I NEVER SAID ANYTHING BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO BECOME SPOILED AND DEPENDENT ON ME
BUT YOU'VE REALLY WORKED HARD, MORE THAN ENOUGH-
!?
BOOM
RUMBLE
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OBDIMA IS WREAKING TOO MUCH HAVOC!
I'VE GOT TO GO STOP HIM!
DASH
SHOCK
WHAT? OH NO! ROSWALD-SAN, YOU CAN'T, YOU HAVE TO-!
WELL, YOUR WORK
ISN'T WHAT'S IMPOR-TANT
WHAT IS, IS-
RAH!!!

PAT
SATOKI
I'M TELLING YOU NOT TO GO!
THE "SELECTION" IS-
YOU DID WELL

MAS-
-TER
YOU SMILED ...
.....
I'VE
SINK
.....
COME BACK HOME

THAT WAS SUPER UN-SATISFYING!
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT...
YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING JUST A MOMENT AGO
HUH? YEAH... I GUESS NOT MUCH TIME HAS PASSED...?
OH, IT'S THE TYPE WHERE NO TIME HAS PASSED
AH, NO-THING...
WHAT? SOMETHING WRONG? ARE YOU TIRED?
YEAH... ACTUALLY...
THEY KICKED ME OUT WAY TOO QUICK...
SAAATO-SAAAN, I FORGOT THAT I HAD TO DO SOMETHING AT THE CLUB ROOM, TOO!
WHOA, WHAT'S UP?

I'M JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW I WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE AND COME HOME...
HUH? WHAT?
...ARE YOU OK?
ALSO...
YEAH
IT WAS MORE FUN
THAN I THOUGHT!
ENIKOMI COMICS
THE GIRL FROM THE OTHER SIDE
+α STATUS
END

AFTERWARD

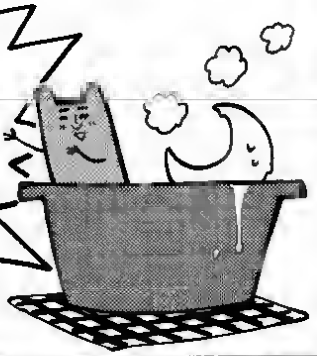
PLUS ALPHA

TO THE NEW READERS, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU! TO THE OLD, HELLO TO YOU TOO! MY NAME IS TSUKITOMO YUU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PURCHASING PLUS ALPHA NO TACHIICHI VOLUME 2!!! I HAD A REALLY TOUGH TIME WITH MY FIRST MONTHLY SERIALIZATION, BUT WITH A BIT OF KINDNESS AND SUPPORT, I SOMEHOW MADE IT THROUGH! BUT RIGHT AT THE VERY END, I STILL MANAGED TO MESS UP... THE FINAL CHAPTER WASN'T PUBLISHED ON THE WEB, BUT IT WAS NOT DUE TO ANYTHING LIKE BUSINESS MATTERS OR DISCONTINUATION... IT WAS SIMPLY BECAUSE I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME... HOW AWFUL OF ME... I AM VERY SORRY!!! SPEAKING OF GETTING DISCONTINUED, THIS SERIES WAS GOING TO END ON VOLUME 1 IF IT WASN'T POPULAR, YOU KNOW! (I WAS TOLD IF THE REVIEWS WERE GOOD, IT WOULD STAY SERIALIZED UNTIL THE SECOND VOLUME.) SO IT'S THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WONDERFUL READERS AND SUPPORTERS THAT SATOKI WAS ABLE TO MAKE IT THIS FAR!!! THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!

SO IN THE END, SATOKI WAS ABRUPTLY SENT HOME WITHOUT PUTTING AN END TO ANYTHING, BUT I GUESS THAT'S IN-CHARACTER FOR HER... THAT'S WHAT I THINK ANYWAY. SHE PRETTY MUCH BOWS OUT AT THE MOST EXCITING PARTS... THE ONLY THING SATOKI GAINED WAS THE "SMILE" FROM HER MASTER, BUT BECAUSE OF WHO SHE IS, SHE SEEMED SATISFIED WITH THAT. IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT... SO PLEASE, FEEL FREE TO IMAGINE! NOW THEN! IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A GAG COMEDY, BUT IT SURPRISINGLY TURNED INTO A PRETTY SERIOUS PIECE OF WORK. BUT I HOPE YOU ENJOYED IT! I HOPE IT LEFT A GOOD IMPRESSION IN ALL OF YOUR MINDS! ALRIGHT THEN, HERE'S HOPING WE MEET AGAIN SOMEDAY... AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING!!!

SPECIAL THANKS!!!

TO MY FAMILY, WHO'VE HAD TO PUT UP WITH ME ALL THIS TIME!
TO THE HOLY MAIDEN, MY SUPERVISOR, KIMIJIMA-SAMA!
AND ALSO TO ALL OF MY READERS!



THANK YOU --O